

Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition program will displace an estimated 351,000 gallons of petroleum annually

Huntington, NY – On Wednesday, Rep. Steve Israel (D – N.Y.) and the Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition announced a new Recovery Act grant award for clean energy on Long Island. The Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition was awarded a grant of \$14,994,183 to deploy alternative fuel stations and alternative fuel vehicles in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

“I’m on a mission to make Long Island the clean energy capital of America and the Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition is an invaluable partner in that mission. With nearly \$15 million in new Recovery Act funding, the Clean Cities Coalition will bring alternative energy fuel stations and vehicles to our communities displacing an estimated 351,000 gallons of foreign oil every year,” said Rep. Israel.

“Through the Long Island Regional Energy Collaborative, GLICCC will help Long Island transform into a fuel independent, efficient and environmentally responsible region. By increasing the demand for clean fuels and technologies, Long Island will benefit from a growing economy, cleaner air and a sustainable future,” said Rita Ebert, Program Coordinator for the Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition. “I’d like to thank Congressman Steve Israel for his ongoing support to the Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition and other Clean Cities throughout the nation.”

“This award from the US Department of Energy is a significant step forward for GLICCC and Long Island and a tribute to our hard working coalition,” according to Ronald J. Gulmi, Chairman for the Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition. “Long Island continues to become a cleaner, healthier and more energy independent place to live and work thanks to the combined efforts of Congressman Israel, GLICCC and all our stakeholders.”

The Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition’s Long Island Regional Energy Collaborative, which promotes a green economy through clean alternatives, will deploy five compressed natural gas (CNG) stations on Long Island. It will also deploy 87 heavy-duty trucks throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties, including 44 CNG refuse trucks, 40 heavy-duty CNG dump trucks and three heavy-duty CNG trucks. The Department of Energy estimates the program will displace 351,000 gallons of petroleum annually.

Partners in the program include Nassau County, Suffolk County, the Town of Oyster Bay and Engineered Energy Solutions.

Rep. Israel also introduced the Clean Cities Authorization Act (H.R.3488), which directs the Secretary of Energy to carry out the Clean Cities program to encourage and accelerate the use

of non-petroleum based fuels, alternative fuel vehicles and other advanced vehicle technologies to reduce the overall use of petroleum in the transportation sector.

The grant funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R.1) and was awarded as part of the Department of Energy's Clean Cities program. On Wednesday, the DOE announced grants that will establish 542 refueling locations and deploy 9,000 vehicles nationally. The vehicles and infrastructure being funded include the use of natural and renewable gas, propane, ethanol, biodiesel, electricity, and hybrid technologies.

Rep. Israel serves on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water.